IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

NYHEIM REAVES,

Plaintiff,

No.3:21-CY-1282

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Magistrate Judge Saporito, Ur.

JOHN WETZEL, et al.,

Defendants.

## DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

NYHEIM REAVES hereby declares:

- 1. I am the prose Plaintiff in the above-captioned matter. I make this declaration in support of my motion for the appointment of counsel.
- 2. The amended complaint in this matter alleges that Plaintiff's diagnosed, serious mental illness has been deliberately ignored and woefully undertreated by prison officials who knowingly assigned Plaintiff to indefinite solitary confinement, in violation of Plaintiff's Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights.
- 3. This is a complex case because it contains several different legal claims, against several Defendants.
  - 4. Plaintiff has demonded a jury trial.

- 5. The Plaintiff has only a high school education and has no legal education.
- 6. Plaintiff has a cognitive learning disability, which can be verified by prison records, that prevents him from properly preparing his own legal documents.
- 7. Plaintiff has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness, which can be verified by prison records, that also prevents him from properly preparing his cwn legal documents.
- 8. Plaintiff is currently housed in indefinite solitary confinement, and, as a result, has very limited access to legal materials, as well as to the prisoner who is writing this instant request, which will prevent him from filing properly prepared legal documents in the future.
- 9. As set forth in the accompanying Memorandum of Law, these facts, along with the legal merit of the claims set forth in the attached amended complaint, support the appointment of counsel in this case.
- 10. Pursuant to <u>28 U.S.C. § 1746</u>, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff's Motion For The Appointment of Counsel should be Granted.

Date: November 29, 2021

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Respectfully submitted,

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